





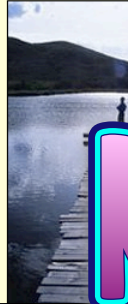
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A dock sits on top of water. It is a fun place. We can do a lot from a dock. We can swim. We can sit in the sun. We can fish with a rod. Boats stop at docks. People lock the boats. They hop from the boats. They have fun on the docks.



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

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Bears are big animals. They have big heads. They have big feet. Bears are very strong animals. They have short legs. They can kill a man with one hit. Bears have little ears. They have little eyes. They do not see well. Bears have long fur. A grizzly bear has brown fur. A polar bear has white fur. A black bear has black fur. Cubs are baby bears.



LEVEL 1.0




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Are you afraid of heights? Then hot air balloons are not for you. A hot air balloon is a very big balloon. It is made of strong cloth. A basket can be tied to a hot air balloon. People can ride in the basket. Sometimes machines are tied to the balloons. They check weather or send T.V. shows.




A hot air balloon floats in the air. Warm air is lighter than cold air. The warm air in the hot air balloon is lighter than the cold air outside. This makes the hot air balloon rise. Some balloons are filled with helium. Helium is a gas that is lighter than air. This makes the gas balloons rise.

Many hot air balloons have pretty colors on them. They are fun to watch in the sky.




LEVEL 2.0




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Gorilla! The very word terrifies people. They think gorillas are monsters who would like to tear them limb from limb. And, to be sure, gorillas look frightening. Their faces look mean, and they are big and strong. But the truth is, gorillas are very shy. They don't want to eat people. They eat only grass and leaves. When they pound their chests, it is only to frighten an enemy. If that doesn't work, the gorilla will just run away.

The most famous gorilla was Gargantua the Great. He was in the circus. Circus posters called him "The World's Most Terrifying Living Creature." They showed pictures of him looking terrible. Before he was in the circus, Gargantua belonged to a woman in New York. She raised him from a baby. And she thought he was very sweet. One night it was stormy out. Gargantua was afraid. So he broke out of his cage and crawled like a frightened child into bed with the woman! That was when she decided to give him to the circus.






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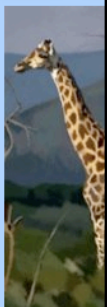
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

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The giraffe is a very tall animal. In fact, the giraffe is the tallest of all animals. The giraffe has long, thin legs. It can run very fast. The giraffe has a long neck. It eats leaves from trees. It eats fruit from trees. The giraffe can sleep standing up. It rests its head on a branch of a tree. Africa is the home of the giraffe. The giraffe lives in small groups. A giraffe can close its nose. This keeps out sand and dust. At birth, a giraffe is 150 pounds. It can stand up when it is just one hour old.



LEVEL 1.5




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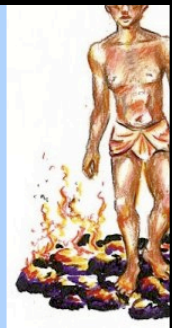
In 1959, some people watched something strange. It happened on the island of Bora Bora. They watched men walk on fire. The firewalkers walked on a pit of hot coals with bare feet. The coals were so hot they could burn through thick boots in a few seconds. The firewalkers walked all the way down the pit. The pit was 40 feet long. They walked back again. The men were hot, but their feet were not hurt.




There are firewalkers in other parts of the world. There are firewalkers in India, Japan, and North Africa.

The feet of many firewalkers have been looked at by doctors after they have walked on the coals. Their feet have not been burned. Most people cannot walk on hot coals. Firewalkers train for a long time. It is very dangerous. Boys and girls should not try firewalking.



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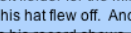


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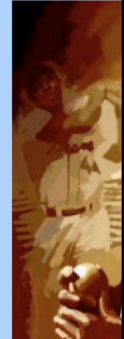
When Hank Aaron was a little boy growing up in Mobile, Alabama, he worked on an ice truck. Those were the days before refrigerators, and Hank delivered ice for people's ice boxes. He would chip off a 25- or 50-pound block. Then he would pick it up with hooks and carry it into people's houses. They say that is when he developed his powerful wrists.

Many sluggers use their whole arms to get power, but Hank Aaron hits the ball a different way. He waits until the very last instant. It seems as if he is going to let the ball go by. Then with a snap of his powerful wrists, he swats the ball just before it hits the catcher's mitt. That is what he did at 9:07 p.m. on April 8, 1974. At that moment, he hit his 715th homer. That broke the old record set by Babe Ruth. Before his career was over, Hank hit a total of 755 home runs.

Hank is a great player, but that doesn't mean he never made mistakes! Once when he was just a rookie left fielder for the Milwaukee Braves, he was running between bases and his hat flew off. And Hank ran back to get it! Hank had a lot to learn. But he learned his lessons well.



LEVEL 4.0



Start

The most popular snack in America was invented because a cook got angry. George Crum was a cook at a restaurant in Saratoga Springs, New York. One day in 1853, a customer who had ordered fried potatoes sent them back to the kitchen. He wanted the cook to slice them thinner and fry them longer. George Crum had a bad temper, and he thought the potatoes were fine the way he made them. In order to teach the customer a lesson, he sliced potatoes very thin and fried them until they were crispy. But instead of being angry, the customer loved the new fried potatoes! He asked for more. Other people who tried them liked them too, and customers kept asking for them. For many years, people called them Saratoga chips after the town where they were first made.

Even now, after more than 140 years, potato chips are very popular. At least one of every ten potatoes grown in the United States is made into potato chips. You can get potato chips that are plain or rippled. There are even flavored chips, like sour cream and onion, cheese, or barbecue-flavored chips. So if you like potato chips, be glad George Crum had a bad temper!

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LEVEL 4.5

Start

If you like peanut butter and other things made from peanuts, you really should know about the man who made more than 300 different products from peanuts. His name was George Washington Carver, and he lived from 1859 to 1943. Would you believe that such things as instant coffee, soap, and even ink can be made from peanuts? Well they can! And George Washington Carver was the man who found that out.

George and his parents were slaves. When he was a baby, he and his mother were stolen by night raiders. But his master brought him back. Even as a boy, George was interested in plants. He also was an artist and drew many pictures of plants.

It was unusual for black people to go to college in those days, but George earned his own way. He graduated from Iowa State College in 1894. After that he became a college professor at Tuskegee Institute and did research on plants. During his life he won many medals and awards both in the United States and around the world. Our lives would not be the same today if it were not for the research and discoveries of George Washington Carver.

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LEVEL 5.0

Start

In 79 A.D., Pompeii and Herculaneum were cities near Mount Vesuvius. Mount Vesuvius is a volcano in what is now Italy. The people living in those cities in 79 A.D. were not afraid, however. They did not know that Mount Vesuvius might erupt. The area sometimes had earthquakes. But at the time, people did not see a connection between earthquakes and eruptions. Besides, they had no record of Mount Vesuvius erupting. All of that changed on August 24, 79 A.D.

The morning of August 24 began as any other morning. But before long, the people noticed a huge black cloud coming out of Mount Vesuvius. As pumice and ash began to rain down on Pompeii, some people decided to leave. Others remained in the city, unconcerned about the strange events. Many of the people who stayed in Pompeii during this first stage of the eruption survived it. But some people and animals were buried beneath the sometimes 20 feet of pumice and ash. The downpour also destroyed many homes and buildings.

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LEVEL 5.6

Start

A few years ago, Mr. and Mrs. Zigler were spending a quiet evening in their cabin beside Flathead Lake in Montana. Suddenly, they heard waves crashing against the shore outside. When they rushed out to investigate, they could see a strange shape splashing water over the end of the pier. It seemed to be rubbing against the pilings almost as if it were an animal scratching its back.

While Mr. Zigler ran for his rifle, Mrs. Zigler inched down the pier for a better look. Suddenly, a horrible creature with a terrifying head emerged from the water. Mrs. Zigler screamed, and her husband came running with the rifle. The creature turned and swam away with great speed, leaving a large wake behind it. When the Ziglers reported the incident, people suggested that they had seen a log or big waves. The Ziglers were positive that they had seen a live animal.

Does some sort of monster live in the inky depths of Flathead Lake? The Ziglers are not the only people who say they've seen one.

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LEVEL 6.0

THIS AND THAT...

- * THE TEACHER PASSWORD IS YOUR USERNAME.
- * CREATE A FAKE STUDENT IN YOUR CLASS TO WALK THROUGH ALL TABS IN THE PROGRAM WITH YOUR CLASS.
- * WHEN CREATING A PASSWORD FOR YOUR STUDENTS YOU WANT TO USE YOUR LUNCH ID NUMBER. THIS IS THE SAME NUMBER WE USE FOR TYPE TO LEARN 4.
- * LOOK TO YOUR CBM SCORES TO HELP SET THE STUDENT'S GOAL.
- * MAKE THE GOAL OBTAINABLE AT THEIR CURRENT LEVEL, NOT FOR THE END OF THE YEAR.
- * LEVELS CAN BE ADJUSTED AS NEEDED.
- * IF YOU CAN SIT DOWN WITH THE CHILD INDIVIDUALLY YOU CAN USE THE "PLACE" BUTTON TO SET A LEVEL.

